PRIORITY PAGE 1 OF 3 PAGES STATE/INR DIA NINCC/MC (SECDEF JCS ARMY NAVY AIR) CLA/NINCC NIC NSA 800 DIRECTORATE POR PLANS THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE SECRET 1971 Dec. MICRO 1.560 MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION BY WOMEN OF SANTIAGO BEGAN THE MARCH DREW UPWARDS OF 30,000 COMMENTE WOME N. 1 | | | THAT THE DEMONSTRATION CONSISTED CORPORACION, REPORTED OF APPROXIMATELY 30,000 WOMEN.) THE MARCHERS WERE HIGHLY ANTIMATED AND CONTINUALLY SHOUTED ANTI-GOVERNMENT SLOGANS, SUCH AS "LISTEN TO US ALLENDE - WE ARE "CHILE YES, CUBA NO," THERE IS NO MEAT, THERE IS NOTHING," "CHILEAN WOMEN - SAVE CHILE FROM MARXISM." THE MARCHERS CARRIED -424-3

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(U.P.) GOVERNMENT, CUBA, FOOD SHORTAGES, AND IN FAVOR OF A

UNIVERSITY PLEBISCITE AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES. DEMONSTRATORS WERE

MADE UP OF ALL SOCIAL GROUPS AND AGES.

3. THE MARCH BEGAN AT THE PLAZA ITALIA AND CONTINUED TO AVENIDA BERNARDO O'HIGGENS (THE MAIN THOROUGHFARE IN DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO(WITH ONLY MINOR INCIDENTS. UPON REACHING THE MAIN AVENUE, THE MARCHERS WERE BLOCKED FROM PROCEEDING TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, AS HAD BEEN PLANNED, BY A BARRICADE OF CARABINERO (NATIONAL POLICE) BUSES WHICH WERE STRUNG ACROSS THE AVENUE. THE BUSES SEPARATED THE MARCHERS FROM A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 800 MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR), WHICH HAD BEEN MOBILIZED TO CONFRONT THE MARCHERS. THE MAJORITY OF MIR DEMONSTRATORS WERE MALE, MANY OF WHOM WORE HELMETS AND HANDKERCHIEF MASKS.

THE MIR MEMBERS WERE ARMED WITH ROCKS AND CLUBS. IN ADDITION TO THE MIR, ANOTHER SMALL GROUP OF PRO-GOVERNMENT COUNTER DEMONSTRATORS HAD ASSEMBLED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE MARCHERS ALONG AVENUE BERNARDO O'HIGGENS.

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THE WOMEN MARCHERS WERE 4. AT APPROXIMATELY ATTACKED BY THE MIR AND OTHER PRO-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATORS WITH COMMENT: ACCORDING TO RADIO AGRICULTURA, ROCKS AND CLUBS. THE WOMEN WERE ATTACKED BY MIR MEMBERS AND THE RAMONA PARRA BRIGADE, A SHOCK FORCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH). THE RADIO ALSO REPORTED THAT SEVERAL WOMEN HAD BEEN INJURED.) AT THIS POINT THE CARABINEROS INTERVENED AND UTILIZED TEAR GAS TO DISSOLVE THE CONFRONTATION. THE WOMEN RETREATED AND REGROUPED SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY, WHERE THEY WERE INSTRUCTED BY MARCH LEADERS TO PROCEED TO CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY. EN ROUTE TO CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, ANOTHER CONFRONTATION ENSUED BETWEEN THE MARCHERS AND PRO-GOVERNMENT FORCES. THE CARABINEROS ONCE AGAIN USED TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE THE CROND. THIS EFFECTIVELY BROKE UP THE WOMEN'S MARCH. REMENANTS OF THE DEMONSTRATION ATTEMPTED TO REACH THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE BY OTHER ROUTES, BUT WERE TURNED BACK BY CARABINEROS AT THE PLAZA IN FRONT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. OTHER MARCHERS RETURNED TO THE STARTING POINT OF THE DEMONSTRATION, WHERE THEY DISPERSED.

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